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# NATIONAL CANNERS ASSOCIATION For Members

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# Canners Mailed Questionnaire for 1947 Canners Directory

The Association this week mailed to all canners throughout the United States and possessions a questionnaire seeking pertinent information which will be used in compiling the 1947 issue of the Canners Directory. Since the value of the directory depends in a large part on the accuracy and the completeness of the information it lists, all canners have been urged to carefully fill out the questionnaires sent them and to return their completed questionnaires as early as possible.

The directory this year will contain the following information:

- 1. Name and home address of each canning firm.
- 2. Location of factories operated by each firm within each State.
- 3. Products packed by each firm within each State.

As no charge is made for the individual canner information contained in the Canners Directory, the Association desires to obtain the full cooperation of the canning industry in supplying the data needed to compile the directory.

Russia plans to use lend-lease ships given to her by the United States to fish in American waters and to sell the catch on the American market, Senator Magnuson warns Secretary Marshall (see story on page 205).

Canned food requirements of the armed forces for the coming year are expected to be announced soon. The Army Quartermaster Corps, which will purchase the canned foods for the military services and several other government agencies as well, has been delayed in making any announcement of its needs by the uncertainty of universal military training, the size of the troop units in foreign countries, and other similar factors which will govern requirements during the next 12 months.

# **Board of Directors to Meet**

Plans have been completed for holding the spring meeting of the Association's Administrative Council and Board of Directors on May 26 and on May 27 to 28, respectively. All of these meetings will be held at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington.

The agenda for these meetings have not been completed, however, it will be ready by the early part of May. Plans are now being carried out to make complete reports to the Council and Board on the subjects raised at the Atlantic City meetings. A meeting of the Home Economics Committee has been called for April 21, which will be followed by a meeting of the Public Relations Committee on April 22. The Association's work in these two fields will be thoroughly examined at that time, and programs developed for expanding those activities. These programs will be ready for discussion at the Council and Board meetings.

A handbook for Association personnel will likewise be submitted to the Council and the Board. Personnel policies, records, handbooks, etc., of various companies and other associations have been thoroughly reviewed and a set of rules and Association policies with respect to personnel that should go to make up the handbook, are now being prepared.

# USDA Says Crops Retarded in Some Areas, Advanced in Others

Slow progress in farm work and in vegetative growth was made during March in the eastern two-thirds of the country, the U. S. Department of Agriculture stated yesterday in its April crop reports. Consequently, USDA said, the season is now considered backward in varying degree in all areas but the West. There it varies from normal or early in the Mountain States to well advanced in the Pacific Northwest. Tree fruits were mostly dormant, except that peaches are blooming weeks late in Georgia and peaches and apricots are blooming early in the West, particularly in the Pacific Northwest. (See USDA Reports Crop Progress, page 203)

# President Rutz Announces Membership of N.C.A. Committees

President Emil Rutz this week announced the membership of 24 Association committees to serve during the coming year. The complete list of Committee personnel, with the exception of the Convention Committee which will be named later, and the names of the Association's officers, Board of Directors, and Administrative Council, is published on pages 198 to 202 of this issue.

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# Congress

#### Agriculture

Hearings are continuing before a subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee on Budget Bureau recommendations for funds to operate the Department of Agriculture during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948. The Committee is not expected to report a bill for several weeks.

### **Commodity Credit Corporation**

The Senate passed on April 8 a bill (S. 350) to continue at its present capitalization and borrowing capacity the Commodity Credit Corporation until June 30, 1948. Under present law the Corporation is due to expire on June 30.

#### **Marketing Orders**

The House Committee on Agriculture is still planning to resume hearings on the Hope bill (H. R. 452), the bill that would make canning crops subject to marketing controls through issuance of orders by the Secretary of Agriculture. Tentatively, April 15 is the scheduled date.

#### Long-Range Program

Hearings before the House Committee on Agriculture will commence on April 21 on the subject of the longrange agricultural program. No bill is before the Committee. An outline of the hearings may be found on page 195 of last week's issue of the LETTER.

#### Water Pollution

A subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Public Works will hold hearings April 22 on the Barkley-Taft water pollution bill (S. 418). The bill would authorize the U. S. Public Health Service to cooperate with Federal and State agencies in the preparation of plans to eliminate water pollution, encourage cooperative activity in prevention and abatement activities, and authorize interstate compacts. Should State authorities fail to follow recommendations of the Surgeon General that action should be taken to secure abatement of pollution in "interstate" waters, the bill would authorize an action in equity by the United States. Authorizations for Federal grants in aid and municipal and industrial loans also are contained in the bill.

No action has been scheduled by the House Committee on Ways and Means on the Kee-Kilgore bill (H. R. 1047 and S. 244) that would permit tax deductions for investments in treatment works.

#### Clayton Act

Hearings will be resumed before House and Senate Judiciary subcommittees on companion bills (H. R. 515-S. 104) to amend the Clayton antitrust laws to prohibit corporations from buying the physical assets of competing corporations. The House Committee has not set a date for the resumed hearing but the Senate Committee will continue its hearings on April 16.

#### **Government Procurement**

The Senate Armed Services Committee has taken no action on the House passed bill (H. R. 1366) to establish, with certain exceptions, the public bid and acceptance method of purchasing supplies and services. Canned foods are not included in the exceptions that authorize procurement by direct negotiation.

#### **Labor Appropriations**

Hearings continued throughout the past week on the Labor Department appropriations bill for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948. The House cut the Budget Bureau recommendations 43 per cent in passing the measure on

#### **General Labor Legislation**

Late this week, omnibus labor legislation neared House floor action with the introduction on Thursday of a bill (H. R. 3020) by Chairman Fred A. Hartley of the Committee on Education and Labor, its immediate consideration in executive session by the Committee, and plans on the part of House leaders to bring the measure before the House on Tuesday, April 15. Chairman Hartley was granted permission by the House to file a Committee report on the measure by midnight, April 12. The bill would out-

law the closed shop, ban industry-wide bargaining except for shops within a 50-mile radius employing fewer than 100 employees, abolish the National Labor Relations Board and establish a new Board with the sole function of deciding labor cases, and give the Conciliation Service an independent status outside the Labor Department. Among other provisions, the bill would outlaw strikes in violation of contracts, secondary boycotts, jurisdictional disputes, intimidation, violence, mass picketing, and extortion of unlawful fees. The employer's right of free speech also would be protected by the new labor board.

Meanwhile, the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare Friday began to consider in executive session an omnibus labor bill proposed by Chairman Robert A. Taft. The Taft bill also would ban the closed shop, would make it an unfair labor practice for unions to coerce employees, interfere with the selection by the employer of his bargaining agent or grievance representative, require employee representatives to bargain, permit full freedom of expression of opinion on the part of both employees and employers, and many other changes in the Wagner Act and the functions of the National Labor Relations Board. In addition, the Taft proposal would create an independent mediation service, regulate union welfare funds, and ban secondary boy-cotts, jurisdictional, and sympathy strikes. The Taft measure has not been formally introduced in the Senate,

### **Portal Pay**

The Conference Committee, charged with reconciling House and Senate versions of the bill banning portal-toportal pay claims, met during the past week but failed to reach final agreement. Their next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 14.

#### Form Labor

The Senate passed on April 8 and returned to the House H. R. 2102, the bill to extend the current farm labor supply program until December 31. In passing the measure the Senate adopted amendments and requested a conference with House. House members of the proposed conference committee action had not been appointed at the time this was written. However, it is expected that fairly prompt action will be taken toward final enactment.

Senate amendments would authorise a 30-day liquidation period following termination of the program whereas the House bill provides that liquidaer

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tion of the program must be accomplished by the end of year.

Another Senate amendment offered by Senator William F. Knowland of California, would permit Mexican farm laborers to remain in the United States as long as they are employed in agriculture and as long as the present program is in effect, provided, the Immigration and Naturalization Service is assured by the employer that the terms and conditions of employment meet Mexican requirements, an adequate bond is given, and that the employees will be returned to the place of recruitment without cost to the Federal Government.

#### USDA REPORTS CROP PROGRESS

(Concluded from page 197)

Prospects were favorable on April 1 for all fruit and nut crops. The season is later than usual in the East and Midwest, which should reduce the danger of late spring frost damage in these sections. In the Pacific Coast States, fruit is further advanced than usual; however, frost damage is less likely in that section than east of the Rockies. Excerpts from the USDA report follow:

#### Peacher

In most southern, eastern and central peach areas the season is from 10 days to two weeks later than usual. Although it is too early to judge fruit prospects the danger from frost damage is greatly reduced by late bloom.

California peaches, both Clingstones and Freestones, have set heavily and probably heavy thinning will be required. Orchards are in good condition. In Washington, full bloom occurred the third week in March, about 2 weeks ahead of usual. Trees came through the winter in good condition.

#### Pears

In California pear orchards are in excellent condition. Trees passed full bloom in late March. Present prospects point to good crops of both Bartletts and "Other" pears. Washington orchards came through the winter with no damage and trees are in good condition. Some trees were ready to bloom on April 1 with full bloom expected to average about April 15. In the Hood River Valley of Oregon, pears produced a good bud set. Trees in the lower part of the Valley were in full bloom about April 5. In the Rogue River Valley trees were in full bloom on April 2, about a week earlier than usual. In that area, the bud set was good on Bartletts and D'Anjous, but somewhat varied on Bosc. In general, irrigation water supplies are adquate. Orchards are being given very good care. While the hazards of frost damage are greater than usual be-

cause of the early season, orchard heating facilities are the best they have ever been.

#### Apricate

California apricot orchards came through the winter in good condition. Trees were at or near full bloom in many areas the first week in March. In several localities rains occurred during the blossom period and at the time small fruit forms were still in the jacket stage. The fruit set is rather irregular. Production of California apricots is not expected to be as heavy as the large crop of last season. In Washington, April 1 prospects were favorable. Trees were in full bloom the third week in March, about 10 days earlier than usual. Utah apricots were in full bloom on April 1. The season is early in Utah, however, and apricots are still subject to the hazards of frost damage.

#### Charries

Sweet cherry prospects on April 1 were favorable in all important producing areas. In the Pacific Coast States the season is unusually early, which makes the crop more vulnerable to late frosts.

The season for Eastern sour cherries is unusually late with buds still in the dormant stage on April 1. In most producing areas, trees came through the winter in good condition. Sour cherries will be vulnerable to frost damage for several weeks yet.

#### Citrus

Total orange production for the 1946-47 season is estimated at 115.2 million boxes compared with 100.3 million boxes in 1945-46 and 109.2 million in 1944-45. About 56.7 million boxes of oranges (49 percent of production) were utilized by April 1. Of these about 15 million boxes were processed and about 41.7 million were used fresh. Last year about 52.8 million boxes of oranges (53 percent of production) were utilized before April 1 with about 13 million processed and 39.8 million boxes used fresh. The 58.5 million boxes remaining on April 1, 1947 included 34 million boxes of California Valencias, very few of which have yet been harvested until next summer and fall. About 47.5 million boxes of oranges remained for harvest on April 1, 1946, including 26.5 million boxes of California Valencias.

The total grapefruit crop is estimated at 62.5 million boxes—slightly less than the 1945-46 crop of 63.6 million boxes but 20 percent above the 1944-45 crop. Utilization to April 1 this year totaled 39 million boxes compared with about 42 million last year. About 23.5 million boxes remained for harvest on April 1 this year compared with about 21.6 million last year. Processing to April 1 this year amounted to about 19 million boxes, 4 million less than last year to the same date. Fresh use to April 1 was

about 20 million this year, or about one million more than last year.

The following table shows the 1946-47 citrus production as compared with 1945-46:

#### Citrus Fruit Production

Orangen:		
California, all	44, 180	53,700
Navels and misc	17,680	19,700
Valencias	26, 500	34,000
Florida, all	49,800	54,500
Early and midseason	25, 400	29,500
Valencine	24,400	25,000
Texas, all	4,800	5,300
Early and midseason	2,880	3,250
Valencias	1,920	2,050
Arizona, all	1,210	1,270
Navels and miss	870	600
Valencias	640	670
Louisiana, all	330	390
5 States	100, 320	115, 160
Total early and midseason	46, 860	53, 440
Total Valencias	53, 460	61,720
Tangerines:		
Florida	4,200	4,800
All Oranges and Tangerines	4, 200	4,000
5 States	104, 520	119,960
Grapefruit:		
Florida, all	32,000	30,000
Seedless	14,000	14,000
Other	18,000	16,000
Texas	24,000	25,000
Arisona	4, 100	4, 100
California, all	3,450	3,390
Desert valleys	1,220	1,390
Other	2,230	2,000
4 States	63, 550	62,490
Lemona:		
California	14,500	14,700
Limes:		
Florida	200	170

#### CORN FOR PROCESSING

#### BAE Reports Intended Acreage Will Be Only Slightly Less Than Last Year

Reports received by the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics from processors of sweet corn indicate plantings for 1947 will be 2.5 percent above the 1946 planted acreage. If these plans of late March are carried out in the various States, the acreage planted to sweet corn for canning and freezing will total 550,970 acres in 1947 compared with 537,480 acres in 1946 and an average of 444,280 acres for the 1936-45 period. Such an acreage would be second only to the record high 1943 planting of 556,760 acres, BAE said.

Abandonment of acreage planted to sweet corn for processing averaged about 6 percent annually during the past 10 years. If this average loss is assumed for 1947, about 518,000 acres would be harvested. This compares

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with 498,660 acres harvested in 1946 and an average of 413,560 acres for the 1936-45 period.

The 1986-45 average yield of sweet corn for processing is 2.34 tons per acre. The harvest of 518,000 acres in 1947, with yields in line with the 10-year average of 2.34 tons per acre, would result in 1,212,100 tons for canning and freezing. The production estimated for 1946 is 1,230,900 tons and the 1936-45 average production is 962,500 tons.

The following table shows, by States, the acreage which would result if processors' March intentions are carried out in 1947. Since these plans may be modified before plantings are actually made, they are not to be considered as estimates of the acreage planted for this season. They are rather a measure of the acreage processors will attempt to contract or grow in 1947, BAE emphasized.

State and group	1946 revised	1947 indicated
Maine	12,500	12,500
New Hampshire	440	420
Vermont	1,040	950
New York	30, 200	33, 200
Pennsylvania	12,900	13,000
NOWTH ATLANTIC	57,060	60,070
Ohia	24,000	23,800
Indiana	39, 200	41,000
Illinois	75,600	81,000
Michigan	4,200	4,200
Wisconsin	110,400	106,000
Minnesota	85, 300	88,700
Iowa	41,900	44,000
Nebraska	3,500	3, 250
NORTH CENTRAL	384, 100	391,950
Delaware	4,800	4,500
Maryland	40,600	41,600
Virginia	500	500
SOUTH ATLANTIC	45,900	46,600
Idaho	9,700	10,400
Utah	3,100	3,800
Washington	16,600	15,800
Oregon	12, 200	13, 400
WESTERN	41,600	43,400
Other States 1	8,800	8,950
U. S. Total	537, 480	550,970

<sup>1</sup> Arkaness, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, New Jersey, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Wyoming.

# **USDA Meat Production Report**

Meat production under Federal inspection for the week ended April 5 totaled 272 million pounds, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This production was 7 percent below the 291 million pounds produced during the preceding week but 4 percent above the 263 million pounds recorded for the corresponding week of last year.

### GREEN AND WAX BEANS

### Acreage Reduction of 7 Percent Is Indicated By BAE Report Just Released

A reduction of about 7 percent from the acreage planted in 1946 to green and wax beans for processing is indicated for 1947, according to reports of processors made to the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics. If processors' plans are carried out in the various States, the acreage to be planted to green and wax beans for canning and freezing with total 114,700 acres in 1947 compared with 123,100 acres planted in 1946 and an average of 103,600 acres for the 1936-45 period.

Abandonment of acreage planted to snap beans for processing averaged about 5 percent annually for the past 10 years. If this loss is assumed for 1947, about 109,000 acres would be harvested in 1947. This compares with 117,810 acres harvested in 1946 and an average of 97,220 acres for the 1936-45 period, BAE said.

The harvest of 109,000 acres in 1947 with yields in line with the 10-year average, or 1.67 tons, would result in a production of 182,000 tons. In 1946, the production was estimated at 200,-400 tons and the 1936-45 average production is 160,700 tons.

The following table shows, by States, the acreages which would result if these late-March intentions are carried out. Since these early season plans may be modified before plantings are actually made, they are not to be considered as estimates of the planted acreage for this season, BAE warned.

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	1946	1947
State and group	revised	indicated
	Acres	Acres
Maine	3,300	2,300
New York	24,000	21,600
New Jersey	2,000	1,900
Pennsylvania	4,000	3,900
NORTH ATLANTIC	33,300	29,700
Indiana	200	200
Michigan	8,300	7,100
Wisconsin	9,700	10,000
Missouri	800	700
NORTH CENTRAL	19,000	18,000
Delaware	1,400	1,300
Maryland	11, 100	10,600
Virginia	1,300	1,200
North Carolina	900	900
South Carolina	3,900	3,900
Georgia	2,200	2,000
Florida	10,600	11,300
SOUTH ATLANTIC	31,400	31,200
Tennessee	6,700	6,600
Mississippi	2,300	2,000
Arkansas	5,000	4,500
Louisiana	3,800	2,700
Okiahoma	2,000	1,000
Техав	8,000	7,000
SOUTH CENTRAL	27,800	24,700
Colorado	1,300	1,200
Utah	450	800
Washington	2,200	2,300
Oregon	4,900	4,800
California	990	980
WESTERN	9,840	9,750
Other States 1	1,760	1,350
U. S. Total	123, 100	114,700

<sup>1</sup> Alabama, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Masanchusetts, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Ohio, Vermont and Wyoming.

# Forthcoming Meetings

April 14-15—National Canners Association, Plant Sanitation Course, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Seattle, Wash.

April 17—Indiana Canners Association, Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.

April 17-18—National Canners Association, Plant Saritation Course, Marion Hotel, Salem, Ore.

April 17-18—National Canners Association, Plant Sanitation Course, Seneca Hotel, Rochester, N. Y.

April 21—National Canners Association, Home Economics Committee Meeting, Palmer House, Chicago, Ill.

April 21-22—National Canners Association, Plant Sanitation Course, Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.

April 22—National Canners Association, Public Relations Committee Meeting, Palmer House, Chicago,

April 28-29—National Canners Association, Plant Sanitation Course, American Legion Hut, Fayetteville, Ark.

May 1-2—National Canners Association, Sanitation Short Course, Tallcorn Hotel, Marshalltown, Iowa.

May 6-7—National Canners Association, Plant Sanitation Course, Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, Wis.

May 12—National Canners Association, Plant Sanitation Course, Yorktowne Hotel, York, Pa.

May 21-22—Industrial Waste Conference, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

May 22-23—Ozark Canners Association, Spring Meeting, Colonial Hotel, Springfield, Mo.

May 26—National Canners Association, Administrative Council Meeting, Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C. 27

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May 27-28—National Canners Association, Board of Directors Meeting, Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C.

June 1-2—Michigan Canners Association, Spring Meeting, Park Place Hotel, Traverse City, Mich.

June 9-11—Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., Mid-year Meeting, Skytop Lodge, Skytop, Pa.

July 1-18—Indiana Canners Association, Annual Technicians' School, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. July 8-18—Indiana Canners Association, Mold Count School, Horticulture Department, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

July 23-August 1—Association of New York State Canners, Inc., Mold Count School, Geneva Experiment Station, Geneva, N. Y.

December 4-5—Tri-State Packers Association, Fall Convention, Traymore Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

# Fish and Fisheries

### Senator Magnuson Warns Secretary Marshall That Russia Plans to Use Lend-Lease Ships to Fish in American Waters

Senator Warren G. Magnuson of Washington, in a letter last week to Secretary of State Marshall, warned that Russia is about to start using a number of Lend-Lease ships given them by the United States to fish within American North Pacific fishing grounds. The fish caught by the Russians will be sold on the American market, Senator Magnuson said. Text of Senator Magnuson's letter follows:

April 1, 1947.

Hon. George C. Marshall Secretary of State Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

One of the great industries of the Pacific Northwest is fishing. Our area supplies about 40 percent of the domestic fish consumed in this country. During the war years the industry was operated at full capacity, without governmental help, and much private capital was invested by

the people in the industry.

Owing to the shortage of the world food supply, this government gave much aid to foreign countries in the way of ships, gear and other essentials needed in the production of fish.

Our own fisheries now find themselves in a paradoxical economic position. Our own humanitarian effort to supply the world with food has become a double-edged economic sword.

For instance, there exists little or no protection on imports of fish. Iceland and Scandinavian countries, with the aid of our equipment, will flood our domestic market with fish.

Specifically, a more serious situation exists in the North Pacific. We gave Russia several ships adaptable for fish food production. Our own domestic fisheries received no such governmental help. My best information now is that Russia is about to invade American North Pacific fishing grounds with the ships which we gave them and

catch fish to sell in the American market.

Such a situation would be a serious blow to the domestic fishing industries, and, since it would have international complications, it seems to me we should ascertain immediately, if possible, Russia's intentions in this matter and, furthermore, if possible, make arrangements with Russia which would provide reasonable protection to our domestic fish industry.

Inasmuch as plans must be made this month by our Pacific Northwest fisheries, I am hopeful that you can give me an early reply on this matter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed):

WARREN G. MAGNUSON, U.S.S.

# Foreign Trade

### Small Part of \$350,000,000 to Be Used for Canned Foods

If Congress approves the \$350,000,000 foreign food relief program indicated in the bill which was reported out on April 10 by the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the benefiting governments will purchase such foods as they consider to contain highest nutritional values, the State Department has announced. To whatever extent supplies are available, and transportation facilities permit, foreign government purchases will include such commodities as grains, cereals, flour, meats, sugar, and such dairy products as furnish most acceptable fats and oils, State Department officials state.

The proportion of canned foods in ratio to total food procurement, however, is likely to be relatively small, and may be expected to follow past experience. Government officials state, however, that the lack of fuel in European households, and the scarcity of shipping facilities for transportation of perishable foods, may necessitate the procurement of certain canned food items, particularly canned milk, meats, soups, and certain canned fruits and vegetables, as well as some citrus fruit juices.

Foreign procurement agencies, in advance of Congressional appropriations, have not announced what foods they expect to buy, but they want to avoid competing with one another as much as possible.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture is keeping the State Department informed as to the agricultural commodities, including canned foods, that are in long supply, but officials believe that the foreign governments will purchase the foods that are most acceptable to their people, so long as they qualify under the head of "maximum nutrition for the least money."

Contrary to earlier understandings, the \$350,000,000 will not be a gift. The recipient governments will pay the U. S. Government in their own currencies for the foods they procure. These currencies will be accepted by the U. S. Government.

U. S. food suppliers will be paid in dollars by the Foreign Purchasing Commissions, who will have a special dollar account set up for them here upon which they can draw up to the amount of their respective allotment. They will not be permitted to draw against this account, however, until and unless the State Department and/or USDA specialists collaborating with the State Department, have approved what the foreign purchasers are scheduled to buy—both as to quality, quantity, and price.

The entire food relief program likely will operate much in the same manner as Lend-Lease. When the U. S. Government receives payment for food procurement here in the currency of the recipient nation, the State Department will seek to find means of employing these currency payments by investing the proceeds in agricultural equipment and rehabilitation projects in the various countries to aid them with their economic recovery.

State Department emissaries and agricultural attaches stationed in Europe will supervise the distribution of the food in each country and will make sure that the price local consumers pay for it is what the Government pays for it here, plus limited handling and distribution costs.

Local cooperatives in the foreign

countries, plus other commercial agencies, will be used to distribute the food. State Department representatives intend to safeguard such distribution as intensively as possible.

Most of the \$350,000,000, if granted by Congress, will be spent in this country, but there may be exceptional cases in which the foreign buyers may be permitted to acquire special commodities outside the United States, State Department officials report.

### Swedish Import Ban Qualified

In pursuance of American protests against the notice given by the Swedish Government in March concerning its ban against imports, Sweden has announced that goods destined for export to that country, which were en route from U. S. factories before March 20, and which were not previously subject to import licenses, may enter Sweden without an import permit.

tion for the use of teachers and students of home economics and other classes studying nutrition. Reprints were made available and by April 1, a total of 557,018 had been requested. They have been sent to all parts of the United States and have been a means of giving further dissemination of the results of the research work on canned foods.

The series was prepared by Marjorie Black, former director of the Association's Home Economics Division, in cooperation with Dr. E. J. Cameron of the N.C.A. Laboratory, Dr. L. E. Clifcorn of the Continental Can Company and Dr. R. W. Pilcher of the American Can Company.

If additional copies of the enclosed advertisement, or of any of the other issues of the series, are desired they may be obtained from the Home Economics Division, National Canners Association, 1739 H Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

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# **Home Economics**

# State Institutions Request **Canned Food Recipe Booklet**

The Association's Home Economics Division's recipe book featuring recipes in servings of 50 is requested daily by different types of large food services. The past month has brought a number of requests from State Health Departments for sufficient copies to place in the kitchens of State institutions.

A recent request states "It is our desire to raise the standards of food and housekeeping in these (State) homes and we feel that we could use this (Canned Foods Recipes for Serving Fifty) material very well."

Veterans hospitals, as well as other hospitals, college and public school lunch services, restaurants, hotels and military food services make up the bulk of requests received. An increasing number of requests are being received from summer camps and resorts as they make plans for the season ahead.

Bulk distribution, such as general college class students or homemakers, is discouraged. However, copies are gladly supplied to committees serving community meals, such as church suppers, and to senior students in hospital dietetics or restaurant management.

# Last of the Series of Ads on Canned Food Nutritive Values

A reprint of the editorial advertisement "Support Bouyant Health Through Proper Selection of Canned Foods in the Daily Diet" is enclosed in this week's INFORMATION LETTER. The advertisement, the tenth and last of a series appearing in the home economics magazine, What's New in Home Economics, reports information

and results of the research work conducted by the National Canners Association and the Can Manufacturers Institute.

The advertisement was designed in an editorial form to furnish informa-

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